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SUBJECT: FUNDING FOR TRAVEL BY ALGERIAN NUCLEAR EXPERTS

¶1. The Department of State's Office of Cooperative Threat Reduction has invited three nuclear experts from Algeria to attend the Institute for Nuclear Materials Management Annual Meeting being held July 12-16, 2009, in Tucson, AZ. Remki Merzak, Director of Cooperation of the Algerian Atomic Energy Commission provided ISN/CTR with the names of three experts: Mr. Fatah Mernache from the Nuclear Research Centre of Draria, in charge of the Accountability of nuclear material at the pilot fuel fabrication unit; Mr. Abdelmadjid Bouhlassa from the Nuclear Research Centre of Birine in charge of the fuel handling at Essalam reactor; and Mr. Lakhdar Bouzidi from the Nuclear Research Centre of Birine in charge of the Accountability of nuclear material at the hot cells.

¶2. We request that Post use existing fund cite dated November 26, 2008 to cover the costs including air travel, lodging, transportation to and from the airport in Algeria, and reimbursement of application visa fees for obtaining a U.S. visa. Anticipated costs are as follows:

Airfare = \$12,000  
Lodging and M&IE = \$883.50 (excludes one provided dinner and is \$294.50/individual)  
Airport transport to/from airport in Algeria = \$300.00  
Visa applications = \$393.00 (\$131.00/individual)

Estimate = \$13,576.50

Recap of existing fund cite appropriation strip:

Appropriation: 1911 910750006  
Obligation: 1054940010  
Function Code: 2128  
Allotment: 1054  
Budget Fiscal Year: 2009  
Organization: 197330  
Budget Object Codes:  
Lodging & M&IE 2120 \$10,500.00  
Airfare 2111 \$10,000.00  
Logistic Support 2589 \$4,500.00

Fund cite in its entirety not to exceed \$25,000 without approval from budget officer.

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